**A PLACE THAT IS SPECIAL TO ME**

My name is Hunter Brighouse and read on to hear about my special place in NZ. It is known as the ‘Three Kings.’ We found it when we were pig hunting. It is situated on the Coast Line close to Pongaroa. Pongaroa is East of Dannevirke on the coast. They say you can see the sea and Mount Taranaki at the peak of the hills. They also say to that is 9 km from the bottom to the top.

When I go there it makes me feel happy when I’m sad. The many birds and wild life pierces my ears as birds chirp and leaves rustle in the breezy surroundings. The sad thing is that the farmer is developing it into a tourist attraction and people will soon be poaching it. It looks like gorse is also taking over the hillside as you can see yellow buds when walking around.

We walked into the hill with the dogs and the silence was deafening. We couldn’t hear anything and it was plentiful with wild life. We walked in and sat down and listened to beautiful nature screaming up the valley to the peak.

**Response to HB**

You sound like a famous explorer, Hunter, so your name does really suit you. I do feel sad about the farmer developing it and I hope you will still be able to enjoy it.

You have a great way of writing. You put your ideas together in a way that makes me want to read on. You make me feel like you are talking just to me and that is a special writing skill. You should be proud.

You use good words that you have carefully selected to make a good picture for the reader. I also get a good picture from the detail you add “They say you can see Mt Taranaki…”

I feel like there is more to this story. I wonder how you could finish it off so that it ends in the same way it begins…

Perhaps something like

“You can see why I wanted to tell you about…” or “ I say it is the most…” because you started with ‘They say…”

That is my response to you Hunter and little suggestions if you would like to use them

Thanks for sharing. Keep up the good writing.

From CB